

(b) the number of the districts in the country where there are no G.P.Os;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the policy of the Government in this regard; and

(e) by when the G.P.Os are likely to be set up in all the districts of the country, including Gadhchiroli?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (e) As per departmental rules, the first class Head Post Office situated at the Headquarters of a Postal Circle viz., Chief Postmaster General or, where there are more than one such Head Post Office at that place, the one attached to the circle headquarters is termed as General Post Office. Normally the headquarters of the CPMG of a Postal Circle is the State capital. Therefore, the question of opening of a G.P.O. in every district of the country, including Gadhchiroli, does not arise.

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4082. SHRI N. DENNIS :

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Doordarshan service for 24 hours, particularly on Low Power Transmitter Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bauxite Reserves in Gujarat

4083. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

DR. A.K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is abundant reserve of bauxite in Kutch region and other districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is no bauxite based Aluminium industry in the State;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to set up Aluminium based industry in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) The reserves of bauxite in the State of Gujarat, as on 1.4.90 are as follows :

(Unit in thousand tonnes)

District	Proved	Probable	Possible	Total
Gujarat Total	36,423	18,967	52,354	107,744
1. Amreli	7	1	-	8
2. Bhavnagar	100	-	410	510
3. Jamnagar	13,964	2,774	23,262	40,000
4. Junagarh	4	-	15,662	15,666
5. Kheda	469	-	614	1,083
6. Kutch	21,834	66	11,760	33,660
7. Sabarkantha	-	15,864	647	16,511
8. Valsad	45	262	-	307

(c) and (d) There is no bauxite based Aluminium industry in Gujarat. Bauxite is utilised mainly in refractory and abrasive industries in Gujarat.

(e) To encourage private sector investment in the aluminium sector, aluminium metal and its downstream products have been exempted from the provision of compulsory licensing. However, Government had approved the Foreign collaboration proposal of M/s. Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd. with M/s. Raytheon Engineers and Constructors Inc. USA for setting up of 5 lacs tonnes per annum (TPA) Alumina Plant in District Kutch, Gujarat.

Length of Rail Lines

4084. SHRI NURUL ISLAM :

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of Railway track abandoned in the country because of various reasons like gauge conversion, change of route etc.;

(b) the length of Railway track to Assam vis-a-vis in the country in 1947 and 1996;